
BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



MARCH 27, 2024

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES OF MEETING

<p><u>Board Members:</u> John Reilly – President Phil Vito - VP Hockey Programming U9 and Below John Ewart - VP of House League/Local League Sonia Marchese - Secretary Melissa Dossey – Registrar Cindy Styles – Treasurer Nicole Marinucci - Risk Management Director Kelly Jensen - Assistant Tournament Director Janice Tee - Marketing Director Sarah Perry - Tournament Director Amanda Bonura - Events Director Adam Lynn - Technical Director</p> <p><u>Voting Members in Attendance:</u> 72</p>	<p><u>Guests:</u> Shannon Gardiner - Administrator Nancy Bateman - Bookkeeper</p> <p><u>OMHA Representatives:</u> Steven Parker Grieg Baxter Jody Mott</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> Joe Bartley - Equipment Director Melissa D’Alessandro - Tournament Convenor</p>
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Call to Order

A motion was made to commence the meeting.

1st by Phil Vito, 2nd by John Ewart

All in favour, motion carried. The meeting commenced at 7:05pm.

Approval of 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the AGM Minutes from March 25, 2023.

1st by Kelly Jensen, 2nd Cindy Styles.

Majority in favour, motion carried.

Presidents Report – John Reilly

John Reilly welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the AGM. He introduced the guests in attendance from OMHA, Steve Parker, Grieg Baxter and Jody Mott as well as the current Board of Executives. He also took a minute to acknowledge and thank the associations sponsors.

Registrations Numbers:

374 Registered in Bradford House League/Local League

205 registered in South Simcoe Minor Hockey Association

45 registered in both First Shift and Intro to Hockey program.

House League and Local League had another good year. The following are HL/LL teams.

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House League: 6 teams in U7
6 teams in U9

We budgeted for 15 games and 20 practices. Teams received over 20 practices and 22 games

Championship day is April 6, 2024 along with a banquet at the Bradford Community Centre.

Local League: 3 teams in U11
4 teams in U13 - Team 1 Group 1 Consolation series tied currently with Innisfil
- Team 2 Group 1 Championship Series vs Beeton
- Team 3 Group 2 Series C Semi Finalist
2 teams in U15 - Team 1, Group 2 Championship Series tied currently with EG
1 team in U16
2 team in U18 - Team 1 Group 2 Consolation Semi Finalists

U11 teams had between 18 – 20 lone practices along with 13 – 16 shared. We budgeted 18 shared)

U13 to U18 we budgeted 18 games and 18 practices. All teams were given above budget for practices plus additional shared ice practices as a bonus.

U13 teams had between 21 – 25 alone practices
U15 had between 27 – 34 alone practices
U16 team had 32 alone practices
U18 had 24 practices alone.

Banquets are April 3, 2024, at The Portuguese Cultural Centre

We had two MD teams this year.

U8 MD – Fun Day was March 23, 2024

U9 MD – York Simcoe Semi Finalists

Banquets will be held April 6, 2024, at the Bradford Community Centre.

Before calling upon our bookkeeper Nancy Bateman for the financial report John Reilly asked if there were any questions which there were none.

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Financial Report 2023/24 - Nancy Bateman

I want to thank all the members and the Executive for contributing to another successful year with BWGMHA.

The 2023/24 season began with uncertainty as to how the creation of the new SSMHA league would impact the operations of BWGMHA. We were unsure of the registration numbers and budget as we really didn't know how this uncharted path would unfold. The Executive worked very hard in fulfilling their duties within their budgets while providing a safe and rewarding environment.

BWGMHA engages BDO Chartered Accountants for their annual audit. This third-party external audit provides the membership with an unbiased review of their Association financials. It is important to continue this service to keep the Board and the membership confident in their abilities. BWGMHA year end is April 30. The 2022/23 audit is currently underway. A copy of the draft audited financial statements is posted on the back wall and once they are approved, they will be posted to the website. The projected internally prepared 2023/2024 financial statements have been included in your AGM package for your review.

When you review the financial report in your package you will see a Balance Sheet and an Income Statement.

Balance Sheet. Our cash situation is positive. In a normal season our ice bills of approximately \$80,000 a month are paid at the beginning of each month before we consider reimbursements from tournaments, SSMHA and other users. Therefore, it is important to have funds to cover ice in advance. We also maintain a GIC at Scotiabank for emergencies. BWGMHA loaned SSMHA \$20,000 at the beginning of the season to assist with startup costs and this is kept separate from the Due from SSMHA which is made up of the registrations we collected on behalf of SSMHA offset against the ice BWGMHA purchased on behalf of SSMHA. This method of accounting will continue through 2024/25 until the 2-year merger is finalized and SSMHA becomes its own entity. The Executive decided early on to try and not alter BWGMHA operations during the 2-year period in case things went back to the way they were prior to the merger. This is especially concerning for ice permits as once BWGMHA releases them back to the Town they become open to other user groups, and it might be difficult to get them back if need be.

Income Statement. There are 3 columns on the income statement, they are listed as follows; the currently projected amounts to April 30, 2024, the budgeted amounts for 23/24 and the amounts that were submitted for the 22/23 audit.

Thanks to Weekend Hockey and our Tournament executives in running another year of successful tournaments. They exceeded our expectations once again. I like to remind everyone that the tournament fundraisers help subsidize registration fees. And although we are reporting a small loss, we

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are still strong financially. We knew it was going to be a difficult year to accurately budget income and expenses as we really didn't know how the merger was going to impact on our operations.

I always like to take this time each year to speak about the Josh Amero Memorial Fund. This fund was started by Josh's dad in memory of his son Josh. Over the years it has helped many Bradford families through hard times and related hockey expenses. This is a restricted fund based on the release of funds being reviewed and approved. Thanks to our successful skate swap fundraisers, the fund gets replenished. And again, this season the Amero Fund has helped families in need.

The 2024/25 season will operate similar to the 23/24 season. BWGMHA will assist SSMHA where necessary by collecting and distributing funds, sharing resources, Board members and knowledge. When the league becomes its own entity in 2025/26, BWGMHA will reassess how they manage operations.

Also, just a couple of reminders. If you have any outstanding Criminal Record Check receipts or OMHA certification receipts please submit them prior to April 30, 2024, for reimbursement. And for the teams, please submit your officiating payment sheets and summaries, and team financial statements if your team participating in fundraising prior to April 30, 2024.

If you have any questions about the accounting reports, please don't hesitate to ask me after the meeting or email me at nancy.bateman@hotmail.com.

Thanks, Nancy Bateman

Diana Vacca Q: "Why does the Pro Shop has expenses and not income?" Show numbers for transparency.

Nancy Bateman A: It was a loss. Netted out for simplicity but if numbers are wanted, they are available. See Nancy after the meeting.

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By-Law Amendments/Proposals

Amendment to the BWGMHA By-Law 1

PROPOSED NEW:

11. DUTIES OF BOARD

11.1 Duties of Board

p) Communications Director.

The Communications Director shall:

- i. Create, prepare and distribute a newsletter to the membership.
- ii. Assist the Administrator with Social Media posts;
- iii. Carry out other duties as assigned by the Board, Board Committee, or the President;
- iv. Select Ad-Hoc committees as required;
- v. Communicate regularly with the Board.

Rational

BWGMHA would like to add 1 new board position to assist the board with communication to the Association.

Motioned by: Melissa Dossey

Seconded by: Janice Tee

Amendment to the BWGMHA By-Law 2

CURRENT:

9. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF THE BOARD

9.2 Board Positions

The Board shall consist of 14 members + Past President of the following;

- a) Past President – (immediate) – No voting privileges
- b) President – Elected – (2) year term
- c) Vice President Operations – OMHA/YSMHL Delegate– Elected – (2) year term
- d) Vice President Local League & Simcoe Region Delegate– Elected – (2) year term
- e) Vice President House League – Elected (2) year term
- f) Treasurer – Elected – (2) year term
- g) Registrar – Elected – (2) year term
- h) Secretary – Elected – (2) year term
- i) Risk Management Director– Elected (2) year term
- j) Events Director– Elected (2) year term
- k) Tournament Director– Elected (2) year term
- l) Assistant Tournament Director – Elected (2) year term

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- m) Technical Development – Elected (2) year term
- n) Equipment – Elected – (2) year term
- o) Marketing Director– Elected (2) year term

PROPOSED NEW:

9. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF THE BOARD

9.2 Board Positions

The Board shall consist of 17 members + Past President of the following;

- a) Past President – (immediate) – No voting privileges
- b) President – Elected – (2) year term
- c) Vice President Operations – OMHA/YSMHL Delegate– Elected – (2) year term
- d) Vice President Local League & Simcoe Region Delegate– Elected – (2) year term
- e) Vice President House League – Elected (2) year term
- f) Treasurer – Elected – (2) year term
- g) Registrar – Elected – (2) year term
- h) Secretary – Elected – (2) year term
- i) Risk Management Director– Elected (2) year term
- j) Events Director– Elected (2) year term
- k) Tournament Director– Elected (2) year term
- l) Assistant Tournament Director – Elected (2) year term
- m) Technical Development – Elected (2) year term
- n) Equipment Director – Elected – (2) year term
- o) Marketing Director– Elected (2) year term
- p) Tournament Convenor – Elected (2) year term
- q) Communications Director – Elected (2) year term

Rational

Adding additional board Communications Director

With adding the new board positions – changing the 16 members to 17.

Motioned by: Melissa Dossey

Seconded by: Janice Tee

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Election of 2043-2054 Board Members

John Reilly reminded that joining the board means you must attend the monthly meetings. Attendance is a requirement.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President• 1-year term• must have served at least 2 years in the last 3 on board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice President Programming U9 and Below• 2-year term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice President House/Local League• 2-year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical Director• 2-year term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tournament Director• 2-year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Events Director• 2-year term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tournament Convenor• 2-year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communications Director• 2-year term <p>Note, this position is new - Amendment 1 – pending approval by the membership</p>

Nominations:

Board Position: President

Prerequisite: must have served at least 2 years in the last 3 on the board

Length of Term: 2 years

John Reilly stepped away and handed the podium to Phil Vito.

Nominations:

John Reilly

1st Motion

Sonia Marchese

2nd Motion

Amanda Bonura

John Reilly accepted his nomination.

Majority in favour.

Motion to close: Cindy Style.

Carried and Closed

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Board Position: Vice President Programming U9 and Below

Length of Term: 2-year term

	Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓	Jamie Patterson	Phil Vito	Rob Matthews

Jamie accepted his nomination.

Majority in Favour.

Motion made to close: Amanda Bonura.

Carried and Closed

Board Position: Vice President House/Local League

Length of Term: 2-year term

	Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓	John Ewart	Sonia Marchese	Sarah Perry

John Ewart accepted his nomination.

Majority inf favour.

Motion made to close: Brian Currie

Carried and Closed

Board Position: Technical Director

Prerequisite: None.

Length of Term: 2-year term

	Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓	Adam Lynn	Melissa Dossey	Phil Vito

Adam Lynn accepted his nomination.

Majority inf favour.

Motion made to close: Amanda Bonura

Carried and Closed

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Board Position: Events Director

Length of Term: 2 years.

	Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓	Raquel Sorrenti	Amanda Bonura	Sarah P.

Raquel Sorrenti accepted her nomination.

Majority in favour.

Motion made to close: Sonia Marchese

Carried and Closed

Board Position: Tournament Director

Length of Term: 2 years.

	Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓	Kelly Jensen	Sarah Perry	Phil Vito

Kelly resigned from her role as Assistant Tournament Director and accepted this nomination.

Majority in favour.

Motion made to close: Brian Currie

Carried and Closed

Board Position: Tournament Convenor

Length of Term: 2 years.

	Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓	Melissa D'Alessandro	Sonia Marchese	Amanda Bonura

Melissa D'Alessandro accepted this nomination by proxy.

Majority in favour.

Motion made to close: Jamie Patterson

Carried and Closed

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New Board Position: Communication Director

Length of Term: 2 years.

Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓ Melissa Dossey	Nicole Marinucci	Amanda Bonura

Melissa Dossey resigned from her role as Registrar and accepted this nomination.

Majority in favour.

Motion made to close: Dave Murray

Carried and Closed

Board Position: Vice President of Operations/OMHA Delegate

Prerequisite: Must have served at least 2 years in the last three on the board

Length of Term: 1 year term

Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓ Phil Vito	Lee Boddy	Brain Currie

Phil Vito accepted this nomination.

Majority in favour.

Motion made to close: Rob Matthews

Carried and Closed

Board Position: Assistant Tournament Director

Length of Term: 1 year.

Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓ Janice Tee	Melissa Dossey	Phil Vito

Janice Tee resigned from her role as Marketing Director and accepted this nomination.

Majority in favour.

Motion made to close: Phil Vito

Carried and Closed

At this point in the voting of Board Members, Cindy Styles asked what positions were available now that people had resigned and accepted new positions. The following are the positions opened and filled.

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Board Position: Registrar

Length of Term: 1 year term

Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓ Sarah Perry	Melissa Dossey	Sonia Marchese

Sarah Perry accepted this nomination.

Majority in favour.

Motion made to close: Paul Domingues

Carried and Closed

Board Position: Marketing Director

Length of Term: 1 year term

Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓ Jon Kit	Phil Vito	Rob Matthews

Jon Kit accepted this nomination.

Majority in favour.

Motion made to close: Jamie Patterson

Carried and Closed

South Simcoe Minor Hockey Association (SSMHA) Report

The first year of the amalgamation was a successful one. We saw three teams go off to OMHA Championships: U14AA, U14BB White, U12AA. Other teams lost at final games before OMHA.

John thanked the board members and Nancy Bateman and Shannon Gardner for doing double duties and being part of the SSMHA board. An extra special thanks to Shannon Gardner for her outstanding handling and fixing ice times last minute when the ice scheduler resigned.

John Reilly reminded membership that in year 2 of the amalgamation he would become 1st VP and Karrie Copelli, IMHA President would become the President.

Financially, they are at a positive standpoint.

We iced twenty-four teams. Had 2 YS Champions and ran 60 fundraisers.

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At this point we opened the floor to questions.

- Richard Turner: Asked about putting pressure on OMHA for full ice at U9. Concerns that children are leaving. We lost 13, 9 to the Klever.
- John Reilly: We have been told there will be an announcement coming around the OMHA AGM in June regarding this topic. John passed the mic to Steve Parker, OMHA Delegate
- Steve Parker: OMHA are dependent on OHF who is dependent on Hickey Canada. OMHA passes on information as soon as they get it. He reminded membership that the Hockey Canada Pathways have nothing to do with OMHA. He explained how OMHA lost their seat on Hockey Canada Board and no longer have a say.
- Phil Vito: Is there anything you can tell us? We are losing too many kids.
- Steve Parker: in the works current talks about a traveling league for select. Up to 45 minutes of travel. Approval always needed from OHF and Hockey Canada
- Phil Vito: What is the backlash if OMHA said yes to full ice?
- Steve Parker: We could get kicked out of Hockey Canada. Become Non-Sanctioned Hockey
- Diana Vacca: Why can't half ice be horizontal?
- Steve Parker: Memo sent out years ago, half ice is based on square feet. How you divide the ice is up to you.
- Diana Vacca: At least horizontal would get all the lines and length.
- Greig Baxter: Advised parents to beware about the others providing full ice. Ask about insurances.
- Veronica Walters: Regarding SSMHA.
Asking if next year there would be more of a balance between Innisfil and Bradford. Will it be flipped next season?
- John Reilly: We will try our hardest to make it more balanced. It really depends on what is available. Ice Scheduler will try their best, but it will not be flipped.
- Brain Currie: Regarding SSMHA
Will Head Trainer position be separated from Risk Management? Reason being if a trainer has an issue with Head Trainer, they tend to go to Risk Management for the safety of the players and vice versa. IT is hard to do this when its one person.
- John Reilly: It is written that way in our bylaws. We would have to wait for when membership vote in board to get that changed. Amendment to come.

There was no more questions. No new business.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Amanda Bonura at 8:06pm and seconded by Melissa Dossey.